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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission - Purpose, Intent, and Function**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the purpose, intent, and function of the St. Mary's  
4 County Metropolitan Commission; designating the Commission, at its option, as  
5 the exclusive provider of community water and sewer services within St. Mary's  
6 County, subject to certain exceptions; making certain stylistic and technical  
7 changes; and generally relating to the purpose, intent, and function of the St.  
8 Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
11 Section 113-1 A.  
12 Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
13 (1978 Edition and December 1999 Supplement, as amended)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 19 - St. Mary's County**

17 113-1.

18 A. IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS CHAPTER TO ESTABLISH THE ST. MARY'S  
19 COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION. THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMISSION IS TO  
20 PROVIDE AND OPERATE COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS SERVING  
21 PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY. TO THAT END, THE  
22 COMMISSION IS HEREBY DESIGNATED TO BE, AT ITS OPTION, THE EXCLUSIVE

1 PROVIDER OF COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER SERVICES WITHIN ST. MARY'S  
2 COUNTY EXCEPT WHERE SUCH SERVICES ARE: (1) INTENDED FOR PRIVATE  
3 PROPERTIES UNDER A SINGLE OWNERSHIP THAT ARE SERVED BY PRIVATE  
4 FACILITIES IN EXISTENCE ON MAY 31, 1976, (2) PROVIDED THROUGH FACILITIES  
5 OWNED BY THE STATE OR AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE, OR (3) PROVIDED  
6 THROUGH FACILITIES OWNED BY A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. For the purpose of  
7 carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the sanitary districts created are under the  
8 jurisdiction of the Commission of seven [(7)] persons. Each member of the  
9 Commission shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's  
10 County as follows: one [(1)] member from each of the first, third, sixth, seventh and  
11 eighth districts, one [(1)] member from the second and ninth election districts and  
12 one [(1)] member from the fourth and fifth election districts. Each member shall  
13 reside in the election district [he] THE MEMBER represents, be a resident taxpayer of  
14 the county and be a qualified voter. The members of the Commission shall be  
15 appointed for a three-year term and shall serve until their successors are appointed  
16 and have qualified. [Those persons serving as members of the Commission  
17 immediately prior to June 1, 1976, shall continue to serve in their respective positions  
18 until the expiration of their terms.] As the term of each [Commissioner] MEMBER  
19 expires, [his] A successor shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners  
20 of St. Mary's County. Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be  
21 filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for  
22 the unexpired term.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2001.